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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 91 GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE FOR HEALTHY CAROLINIANS

WHEREAS, North Carolina is blessed with some of the finest medical facilities and medical care found anywhere in the world; and

WHEREAS, despite these resources, many North Carolinians die or are disabled prematurely every year due to preventable causes, exacting an enormous economic, social and personal toll upon our state; and

WHEREAS, most premature deaths and disabilities are preventable by relatively simple changes in behavior that would reduce the causes of these deaths and disabilities, including diabetes, stroke, and obesity; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide to the citizens of our state a way to prevent these tragic losses, a realistic plan needs to be developed that communities and individual citizens may implement to improve their health status and avoid premature death and disability; and

WHEREAS, this plan must promote the advantages of healthy living and disease prevention.

NOW THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED**:

Section 1. Establishment and Rescission of Prior Orders

The Governor's Task Force for Healthy Carolinians (Governor's Task Force) is hereby established. The Governor's Task Force established herein is the successor organization to the Governor's Task Force on Health Objectives for the Year 2000, established in Executive Order No. 56 issued by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. on July 13, 1994. This Executive Order replaces Executive Order No. 13 dated October 9, 2001.